

ABSTRACT

A cooking apparatus capable of effectively utilizing thermal energy of a heating unit to heat food includes a cabinet opened at a top surface thereof to provide an opening over which food to be cooked is laid. A grill unit is seated in the opening of the cabinet so as to support the food over the opening. A heating unit is provided in the cabinet so that a front surface thereof faces the grill unit to radiate thermal energy to the grill unit. A plurality of reflecting members are provided at predetermined positions around a rear surface of the heating unit, and are installed to be spaced apart from each other by a predetermined gap to provide an air layer between the reflecting members. The construction of the cooking apparatus allows far infrared rays radiated from a rear surface of the heating unit to be reflected to a front of the heating unit, in addition to preventing heat from being transmitted from the heating unit to a rear portion of the heating unit due to an air layer provided between the reflecting members. Accordingly, most of the thermal energy generated from the heating unit may be used for cooking the food.